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Men's Bible Study Outline
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What is justification? What does it mean to be justified?

Simply put, to justify is to **declare righteous**, to make one **right with God**. Justification is God's declaring those who receive Christ to be righteous, based on Christ's righteousness being imputed to the accounts of those who receive Christ.

Read 2 Corinthians 5:21

Though justification as a principle is found throughout Scripture, the main passage describing justification in relation to believers is **Romans 3:21-26**.

We are justified, declared righteous, at the moment of our salvation. Justification does not make us righteous but rather pronounces us righteous. Our righteousness comes from placing our faith in the finished work of Jesus Christ. His sacrifice covers our sin, allowing God to see us as perfect and unblemished. Because as believers we are in Christ, God sees Christ's own righteousness when He looks at us. This meets God's demands for perfection; thus, He declares us righteous---He justifies us.

Romans 5:18-19 sums it up well. It is because of justification that the peace of God can rule in our lives. It is because of justification that believers can have assurance of salvation. It is the fact of justification that enables God to begin the process of sanctification the process by which God makes us in reality what we already are positionally.

Read Romans 5:1

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